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IMPORTANT UPDATE IN U.S. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION DOCUMENTS (FORM I-766)

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) issues Employment Authorization Documents (Form I-766) to lawful temporary residents of the United States or certain non-immigrants as evidence of their authorization to accept employment in the United States. There are currently three versions of Form I-766; two of which authorize the bearer to travel to the United States.

The "Combo Card" Form I-766 serves as a combination of evidence of Advance Parole (Form I-512) and of authorization for employment in the United States. This document is annotated "SERVES AS I-512 ADVANCE PAROLE". Carriers may board passengers presenting this document in conjunction with a valid passport or other valid travel documents, as outlined in the 2009 Revised Carrier Information Guide, to return to the United States.

The second version of Form I-766 also allows passengers to return to the United States. This document is annotated "VALID FOR RE-ENTRY TO THE U.S." Carriers may board these passengers in conjunction with a valid passport or other valid travel documents, as outlined in the 2009 Revised Carrier Information Guide.

The last version of Form I-766 is not valid for re-entry to the United States. If the document is annotated "NOT VALID FOR RE-ENTRY TO THE U.S.", it does not serve as evidence of authorization to return to the United States. These passengers must have proper U.S. entry documents, as outlined in the 2009 Revised Carrier Information Guide.

All passengers who are returning to the United States using Form I-766 are permitted to board prior to the expiration date on the document. Carriers who board passengers with an expired Form I-766 are subject to CBP fines.

CBP will publish a revised 2011 Carrier Information Guide this summer which will include information on all three documents.

